SCriPTURE:

PROVERBS 31:10-31

- This is an acrostic poem, meaning that each verse begins with a different letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. The acrostic form expresses a sense of completeness, which is fitting for this ode to the “competent wife.” When do you feel most complete? Can you find completeness in the meaning of eshet chayil?
- Verse 25 says, “she can laugh at the days to come.” What helps you find humor in daily (even mundane) life? Can you also find humor during stressful times? How important is laughter; do you believe it is necessary?
- Compare to Job 39:7, an appropriately humbling passage that confirms God as master of the universe. This particular verse offers us laughter from an unlikely source! In the context of Job, it points to the sense of wonderment we do well to remember – perhaps we, too, can simply laugh even in the midst of commotion.

LUKE 19:1-10

- In verses 9 and 10, The Message says, “Today is salvation day in this home! Here he is: Zacchaeus, son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to find and restore the lost.” Not only does Jesus claim the tax collector despised by many as a son of Abraham, he also proclaims salvation for him. How absurd! When have you done something absolutely silly or absurd that ended in amazing grace?
- Think of your own personal salvation story. Was it a sudden conversion? A gradual understanding? What, or who, caused, or contributed, to it? You might offer prayer of gratitude—along with a burst of laughter—at the thought of God’s grace!

JOHN 2:1-11-WEDDING IN CANA

In verse 10 of our passage, the “headwaiter” makes a comment to the groom about keeping the good wine for last. Commentary explains that the headwaiter was responsible for the seating of the guests and the overall running of the feast. When he tasted the water which had become wine he was astonished. He called the bridegroom—it was the bridegroom’s parents who were responsible for the feast—and spoke jestingly.

- The miracle causes laughter, along with a whispered compliment. Can you imagine Jesus smiling inside at this fun response?
- What do you think Jesus felt when no doubt realizing his mother’s joy at the “best” wine? Can you imagine Jesus smiling when you respond to what Jesus offers you?

The bible teaches that the kingdom of God will be like a wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14). Write a description of what you think that will be like. Can you turn your description into a prayer?

**RESET:** From the Wedding in Cana story in John 2:1-11, “now draw some out”

- Let laughter and fun help you live with a confident theology of abundance, believing fully in God’s love and care for you.